



2015 Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation
(The 10th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, Calif. Jan. 19-25, 2015 Purse: \$5,700,000 (\$1,026,000 to the winner)
500 FedExCup points to winner

(PP) Palmer Private/PGA West Par/Yards: 72/6,950
(NP) Nicklaus Private/PGA West Par/Yards: 72/6,924
(LQ) La Quinta Country Club Par/Yards: 72/7,060

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 22, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny with N/NW winds 7-15 mph, gusting to 15-25 mph. Afternoon high reached 78 degrees.

First-Round Leaderboard

Michael Putnam	63 (-9)	NP
Francesco Molinari	64 (-8)	PP
Blake Adams	64 (-8)	PP
Mark Wilson	64 (-8)	NP
John Peterson	64 (-8)	NP
Scott Pinckney	64 (-8)	LQ

Michael Putnam

Putnam's 63 ties his career low round on the PGA TOUR.

Putnam's only other lead after the first-round on TOUR was last year at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open.

Putnam finished No. 93 in the FedExCup standings last season.

Putnam's best career finishes on TOUR are a pair of T4s (2005 Travelers Championship and 2014 RBC Canadian Open).

Putnam's younger brother Andrew is a rookie on the PGA TOUR this season. Andrew is currently No. 80 in the FedExCup standings, while Michael is No. 124. Their other brother, Joel, caddies for Michael.

Michael's brother Andrew shot a xx5-over 77 in round one and is T150.

Blake Adams

Adams is making his first start on TOUR since the Valspar Championship in March of 2014.

Adams made two starts in January of 2013 before injuring his hip and missing the rest of the season. He came back in 2014 and made eight starts before reinjuring his hip in March. In July of 2014, Adams had left hip-replacement surgery.

Adams has 16 events during the 2014-15 season to earn 278 FedExCup points or \$497,044 as part of his Major Medical Extension.

Adams' best career finish on TOUR is T2 at the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship.

Mark Wilson

2012 Humana Challenge winner Mark Wilson did not record a top 10 on TOUR during the 2013-2014 season. Wilson started out the 2014-2015 PGA TOUR season with a pair of top 10s (T8/McGladrey Classic and T9/Sanderson Farms Championship).



The last of Wilson's five wins on TOUR came at the 2012 Humana Challenge. All five of Wilson's PGA TOUR wins have come in the first quarter of the year.

Patrick Reed

Defending Humana Challenge champion Patrick Reed opened with a 7-under 65 at LaQuinta CC. The only player to successfully defend his Humana Challenge title was Johnny Miller (1975-1976).

Last year, Reed became just the second wire-to-wire winner of the Humana Challenge (Rik Massengale/1977).

Last year at the Humana Challenge, Reed became the first player in PGA TOUR history to post scores of 63-or-better in his first three rounds of a tournament.

Last year at the age of 23 years, 5 months and 14 days, Reed became the second-youngest winner of the Humana Challenge behind Jack Nicklaus (23 years and 13 days at the 1963 Humana Challenge).

Arnold Palmer won the Humana Challenge five times. The only other players to win more than once are two-time champions: Billy Casper, John Mahaffey, Johnny Miller, Corey Pavin, John Cook and Phil Mickelson.

Reed at the Humana Challenge: 2013/MC (74-68-68), 2014/Won (63-63-63-71).

First-Round Leader Notes

After the first nine events of the 2013-14 season, Frys.com Open champion Sang-Moon Bae is the only first-round leader/co-leader to carry that lead on to victory.

Since 2000, the only 18-hole leaders of the Humana Challenge to parlay that position into victory were Pat Perez (2009) and Patrick Reed (2014).

Since going to the current three-course rotation in 2012, the eventual winner began on Nicklaus Private in 2012 (Mark Wilson), La Quinta CC in 2013 (Brian Gay) and Palmer Private in 2014 (Patrick Reed).

Miscellaneous Notes

Francesco Molinari shot an 8-under 64 his second start as a member of the PGA TOUR. He had 53 starts on TOUR as a non-member from 2007 to 2014. He finished T37 last week at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Rookie Scott Pinckney shot a 64 in the opening round at the Humana Challenge a week after shooting a 63 in round two at the Sony Open in Hawaii. This is his ninth career start on TOUR with a best finish of T31 at the 2014-15 Frys.com Open.

John Peterson, who missed 17 of 24 cuts on TOUR last season, has made the cut in all six of his starts this season. Peterson finished No. 179 in the 2013-14 FedExCup standings, but was able to regain his TOUR card via the Web.com Tour Finals.

Entering the week, Zach Johnson had the lowest career stroke average at the Humana Challenge at 67.00 (based on 16 or more rounds). Johnson opened with a 69 on the Nicklaus Private course.

Last week at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Jimmy Walker became just the 13th player (10th different player) since 2008 to successfully defend a PGA TOUR title from the previous year.

20-year anniversary of three U.S. Presidents playing in the Humana Challenge

It was in 1995 when the pro-am team of Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, Gerald Ford, Bob Hope and defending champion Scott Hoch teed up for the tournament's opening round. It marked the first time a sitting president – Clinton – had played during a PGA TOUR event and it is believed to be the first time three presidents had ever played together.

Several of the players in the field this year also played in 1995, including Mark Brooks, Justin Leonard, Scott McCarron and Woody Austin.



First-Round Scoring Averages	2014	2015
Palmer Private Course	69.692	70.077
Nicklaus Private Course	69.431	70.077
La Quinta Country Club	70.192	70.000

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Francesco Molinari (64), Patrick Reed (65), Pat Perez (66), Eric Axley (66), Bill Haas (67), Charles Howell III (67), Patrick Rodgers (70).

Patrick Reed was bogey-free in round one last year at the Humana Challenge. He has only six bogeys in his last five rounds at the Humana Challenge.

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